

**Idaho State Historical Society  
Historical Library, State Archives and Idaho Oral History Center  
Quarterly Report – July-September 2003**

**Overview:**

The Idaho Heritage Trust grant to produce prints from the Sherwood collection (Island Park area) of negatives has been completed. Three complete sets of the 210 new prints were made – one set for the L&A reading room, the others for Island Park Historical Society and BYI-Idaho.

Volunteer Jim Schneider donated his old computer to the Library reading room. It replaced the former Gen. desk computer (which is even older) and allowed us to do a final shift of patron computers; we now have 3 computers with Internet access for the patrons. We have seen a substantial increase recently of patrons using the computers to do their on-line research.

The following grants were prepared by staff and submitted for consideration: Graham Foundation (\$20,000) to preserve, process, and describe the Sundberg and Sundberg architectural records collection (notification due in November); NEH (\$133,000) for shelving and archival boxes (notification due May 2004); NEH (\$59,000) to transcribe and describe Japanese American oral history collection (notification due spring 2004); and Idaho Community Foundation (\$4,997) to transcribe and describe Japanese American oral history collection (notification due in November).

Ongoing activities include: organize monthly family history workshops; edit *Mountain Light*; index Latah Co. records for reconstructed 1890 census; update Biographical Sources file; arrange and index Alturas, Owyhee, and Boise county records; work with state and local officials on various records management and historical interpretation issues; index Civil War and Indian War veterans obituaries; process North Idaho College, Smokejumping and Forest Fire Fighting in Idaho (project now completed), and Veterans oral history projects; begin new oral history project – Women in WWII – as part of the Veterans History project; submit various materials for posting on ISHS website and the Library turbo tower; organize map collection; process and describe Carey Act maps and drawings; and continue coordination of NHPRC/SHRAB grant activities.

**Personnel:**

Three BSU students are completing internships for the fall semester – Tawnya Feeney, Johnny Hester, and Tyler Holman. Tawnya is completing the “rotating” internship, Johnny and Tyler are working with the oral history program. Summer volunteer Kathryn Dooley completed her commitment and returned to school at WSU. Steven DeGrange, a recent BYU-Idaho graduate, is volunteering at the Archives while waiting for notification of acceptance at graduate school. Brent McDonald (father of Dylan) spent a portion of the summer volunteering at the Archives and Lorrie Apel is a new volunteer assisting with the Women in WWII oral history project. Volunteers from the Garden City Police Department continue to organize their records. Volunteer/intern hours donated: 974 hrs.

**Gifts and Acquisitions:**

- 67 book titles, including 17 yearbooks
- 663 cu. ft. (approximately 13.2 tons) government records

- 6 manuscript collections (approximately 5.5 cu. ft.)
- 48 microfilm rolls (newspaper)
- 41 oral history interviews, including Veterans History project (13 hrs.), Women in World War II (approx. 9 hrs.), WWII GI Homesteaders in Minidoka County project (length unknown)
- 175 periodicals
- 1 photograph collection
- 23 video tapes

### **Other:**

New records added to the collections management database: 94 book titles, 5 manuscript collections, 32 microfilm titles, 1 photograph collection, 95 maps, 8 compact disks, 102 oral history interviews, 9 video cassettes, 1,318 Carey Act maps/drawings, and 1,359 boxes/volumes of State Archives material. A total of 35 orders for photographic images were processed for a billing of \$1,511.00 (net \$466.27). Billings for 41 requests for permission to use photographic and moving images netted \$549.00. 22 oral history publications were sold and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$1,902.50

### **Programs Presented/Attended:**

July 8-13 – attended NAGARA conference, Providence, RI – Steve W. (majority of expenses reimbursed by NAGARA)

July 17 – attended Bureau of Reclamation “Water 2025” conference, Boise – Dylan

July 25 – attended Idaho Geographic Names Board meeting, Boise - Larry

July 30 – History of Latinos/Hispanics in Idaho for “Edufest” conference (teachers of gifted and talented students), Boise – Kathy (15)

Aug. 1 – History of Latinos/Hispanics in Idaho presentation for teachers, Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa – Kathy and Dr. Errol Jones (20)

Aug. 1 – presentation about Stan Tate (one of the narrators from the Smokejumping oral history project) for U of I Alumni Center recognition award – Troy (25)

Aug. 4 – oral history presentation for Buhl Centennial Committee – Troy (7)

Aug. 13 – Records management presentation for Department of Administration, Boise – Steve W. (8)

Aug. 14 – Records management presentation for Dept. of Fish and Game, Boise – Steve W. (7)

Aug. 20-24 – attended Society of American Archivists annual conference, Los Angeles – Dylan (at his expense)

Aug. 21 – Records management presentation for Office of Aging, Boise – Steve W. (11)

Aug. 27 – “On-line Genealogy” for workshop series – Juvanne Clezie Martin (33)

Sept. 4 – oral history presentation for Japanese language class, BSU – Troy (8)

Sept. 7 - History of Latinos/Hispanics in Idaho presentation for grand opening of Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa – Kathy and Errol Jones (50)

Sept. 14 – ISHS information table at Fiesta Idaho, Nampa – Kathy

Sept. 15 – oral history workshop for BLM, Mackay – Troy (4)

Sept. 20 – attended Veterans Stand Down, East Junior High School, Boise – Troy (9 oral history interviews were completed by Eagle High School students)

Sept. 24 - “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Ensuring Access to the Future’s History” for workshop series – Steve W. (9)

Sept. 24 – “Mailing May” and oral history presentation for ANSER Charter School, Boise – Steve B., Troy (22)

Sept. ? – Records management presentation for Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Boise – Steve W. (5)

**Calendar of Events:**

Oct. 2 - Idaho Council on History in Education Conference, Boise – Troy, Steve W., Dylan

Oct. 3 – quarterly SHRAB meeting, Boise

Oct. 2-5 – Teachers Institute (Governor’s Lewis and Clark Committee), Lolo Hot Springs – Larry

Oct. 6-11 – North Idaho records pick-up, presentations for SHRAB and Idaho Genealogical Society annual meeting – Steve W., Steve B.

Oct. 9-12 – Oral History Association annual conference, Bethesda, MD - Troy

Oct. 22 – book discussion of *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby’s Forgotten Walk* for workshop series – Steve B.

Nov. 19 – “Access to County Records in Idaho” for workshop series – Larry Ghan

**Patrons/Visitors:**

Staff reports that 1,388 patrons signed in at the front desk and at the Archives (compared to 1,580 for the same quarterly in 2002). 52 libraries requested materials via Inter-Library Loan services and 1,089 general reference and public record letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 1,003 for the same quarter in 2002). Approximately 73 items held downstairs and 97 collections held at the Archives were brought to the reading room for patron use.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Morton-Keithley, Administrator